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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN CABINET ANNOUNCED

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1. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 20
CHANGES IN MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS RESULTING FROM (A)
DEATHS OF PRIME MINISTER RAKOTOMALALA AND MINISTER OF
RURAL DEVELOPMENT RAJAONAH AND (B) ELEVATION OF FORMER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION RAKOTONIAINA TO POST OF PRIME
MINISTER.

2. NEW FOREIGN MINISTER IS BRUNO RAKOTOMAVO, FORMERLY
ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF MINISTRY
OF INFORMATION. HE IS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR BY PROFESSION
AND FIRST REPORTS SHOW THAT HE ENJOYS GOOD REPUTATION.
FORMER FONMIN BEMANANJARA RETURNS TO EARLIER POST AS
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, WHICH HE HAD LEFT ONLY IN JANUARY.

3. MINISTER OF INTERIOR MAMPILA JAONA, GENDARMERIE
COLONEL, BECOMES MINISTER OF DEFENSE, SUCCEEDING
RAKOTOMALALA WHO HAD HELD DEFENSE PORTFOLIO AS WELL AS
BEING PM. MAMPILA IS WELL LIKED, BUT IS LACKLUSTER AND
WILL DO WHAT HE IS TOLD. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW ARMED
FORCES ACCEPT GENDARMERIE OFFICER AS MIN/DEFENSE, SINCE
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THERE IS ALWAYS INTENSE RIVALRY BETWEEN TWO GROUPS, AS

EXEMPLIFIED BY EARLIER CONFLICT BETWEEN RATSIRAKA (NAVAL OFFICER) AND LATE PRESIDENT RATSIMANDRAVA (GENDARMERIE).

4. SIMON PIERRE, ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR AND FORMER OFFICIAL IN PRE-RATSIRAKA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, BECOMES MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

5. FRANCOIS DE PAUL RABOTOSON IS NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION. HE HAD BEEN SECRETARY-GENERAL AT MINISTRY FOR PAST SEVEN MONTHS AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR PRIOR TO THAT.

6. KOUSAY ALI SAID BECOMES MINISTER OF POPULATION AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS. HE IS UNKNOWN TO US.

7. GEORGES-THOMAS INDRIANJAFY MOVES FROM MINISTRY OF POPULATION AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS TO BECOME MINISTER OF JUSTICE. HE IS LAWYER BY PROFESSION AND HAD BEEN SECRETARY-GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PRIOR TO JUNE 1975.

8. FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE, AMPY PORTOS, BECOMES MINISTER OF INTERIOR. HE HAS NOT BEEN FRIENDLY TO WESTERN INTERESTS, HAVING SERVED EARLIER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND, SINCE JUNE 1975, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN FORMIN OUT OF COUNTRY.

9. LT. COL. RAKOTOHARISON, NOW ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMED FORCES, WAS NAMED PERMANENTLY TO THAT POST. LIKE MIN/DEFENSE MAMPILA, HE WILL DO AS HE IS TOLD.

10. FORTUNATELY FOR WESTERN INTERESTS, MINISTER OF FINANCE RAZAKABOANA AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND COMMERCE RARIVOSON REMAIN AT THEIR POSTS.

11. NO CHANGES WERE MADE IN SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. FURTHER ANALYSIS TO FOLLOW.
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